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NITRIDE SEMICONDUCTOR GROWTH METHOD, NITRIDE SEMICONDUCTOR

SUBSTRATE, AND NITRIDE SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

# PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

### MAIL STOP NON-FEE AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

# **IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Before the first line of the specification, please insert the following new paragraph:

This is a divisional of Application No. 10/261,487 filed October 2, 2002, now pending, which is a divisional of Application No. 09/986,332 filed November 8, 2001, now pending, which is a Continuation of application Serial No. 09/603,437 filed June 23, 2000, now abandoned, which is a Division of application Serial No. 09/202,141 filed December 9, 1998, now U.S. Patent 6,153,010, which is a 35 U.S.C. § 371 of PCT/JP98/01640 filed April 9, 1998.